



Local Fifth Graders Attend Law Day Job Shadowing

On April 29, the fifth grade classes from St. Mary's and O'Neill Elementary attended Law Day Job Shadowing at the Holt County Courthouse. Midge Clark, clerk magistrate of the Holt County Court, served as the local coordinator for this project of the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. The event is intended to impress upon the students the need to study hard and to stay in school.

Mary Novak's class from St. Mary's spent time in the attorneys' offices of Thomas Herzog and Frosty Peetz. The O'Neill Elementary students and their teachers, Cindy Sellers, Kelly Young and Kathy Klopenborg spent time at the courthouse with attorneys Boyd Strope, Steve Brewster and Rodney Smith.

Judge Alan Brodbeck met with each group of students and explained the structure of the court system. He discussed with them that courts exist to solve people's problems. After answering questions from the students he demonstrated how technology such as video-conferencing and electronic evidence presentation is changing the way courts operate.

Junior Young, the clerk of the



ST. MARY'S FIFTH GRADERS were shown how the some of the technical parts of the courtroom work by Judge Brodbeck.

district court, and Kami Hooey, the district court reporter, were present to explain their jobs and to answer questions.

This year marks the ninth anniversary of Law Day job shadowing.

Since the statewide program began in 2002, more than 2,000 fifth graders have participated in Law Day.